



The Newsletter of the Calvert Artists' Guild
P. O. Box 602
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
February 2007

President's Note

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to serve the Calvert Artists' Guild for 2007. The new board met in January and we discussed ways to boost the guild's enthusiasm and attendance. Some of the ideas we came up with were:

- * *Encourage attendance at regular meetings with interesting programs and demos*
- * *Ad in newspapers for accepting members*
- * *Encourage all media of art in shows—pottery, sculpture, batik, textile, glass, etc.*
- * *Active communications with ACCC*
- * *Nationally known artist workshops*
- * *Follow-up with artist articles in newspapers*
- * *Fieldtrips to Artist's studios*
- * *Continue Paint-outs—plein air painting outings*
- * *More painting demos at meetings/program*
- * *Community involvement & newspaper features*
- * *Web site up to date and useful*

All of the ideas are worthwhile and we are going to try them! First, we have updated and revised our web site with a NEW LOOK thanks to Lara Rupinski. The Plein air paint-outs are scheduled and continue at Flag Ponds, Warriors Rest and a new site at Greenwell State Park. In January we had an interesting program on giclees by Jonathan Gentry with 25 in attendance and we have an outstanding speaker for the April program from the Eastern Shore. Our Workshops are featuring highly acclaimed nationally known artists, from NJ and NC. The ACCC has a new Executive Director, Kathy Sears, and we plan to work closely with the Arts Council. We **hold something monthly**—be it a meeting/program, show, workshop or paint-out. We have meetings scheduled for Jan., April, Aug., & Nov. and workshops scheduled for Feb., June, and Sept. See the 2007 Calendar of Events to mark the dates on your calendar so you will have them available and know what the Guild is doing! I would welcome members to strengthen their commitment to the Guild to attend functions to make it successful in 2007. With our outstanding speaker programs planned and a consistent convenient meeting site, I would love to see 30 people in attendance! The mission is honorable—band together to form a group that helps one another and the community at large. By being a member you are “in the know” in the Art Community and have opportunities made available to you, as well as the learning achieved through our workshops, programs and fieldtrips. Try us—you'll like it! We welcome feedback!

Gerry Wood

Calvert Artists' Guild
March Spring Show

Calling all artists to mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, **March 3 and 4, 2007** for the annual So. Maryland spring show at Annmarie Garden. Artists in all mediums are encouraged to join in this special show. We would like to see fiber work, jewelry, sculpture, glass, batik, weaving, ceramics, as well as paintings. A reception will be held on Saturday, March 3rd from 2pm to 4pm. The entry fee for CAG members is \$25.00 and \$35.00 fee for non-members. Exhibiting artists are asked to sign up to sit the gallery for a two-hour shift on Saturday or Sunday. Registrations are due by **February 24th**, no registrations will be accepted after this date. Artwork must be dropped off at Annmarie Garden on Friday March 2nd, 2007, from 10am to 1pm.

If you have not shown before at Annmarie Garden, you are required to submit a photo, postcard, or notecard of the type of artwork to be shown along with the registration form. (Form follows in newsletter) Annmarie Garden will keep a file of all artists and their artwork samples for future reference. This means that you only have to submit the initial photo once and for future shows, you state “photo on file” on your registration form. You do not have to resubmit new photos if you have done so previously and a file has been established. The only exception would be if you change your previous media—(i.e. from oil paintings to jewelry, ceramics to paintings, etc.). The Guild will submit all registrations and representative samples of artwork to Annmarie Garden. If you have any questions please contact Erin Groom at 301-922-9817; email: erinmcsorley@hotmail.com, or Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net. We hope this will be a very successful annual show. (See registration form on separate page)

Scholarship Award

The Calvert Artists' Guild is sponsoring a scholarship for a deserving Calvert County high school student who wishes to pursue further art training. The amount is \$500 and honorary membership for one year to the CAG. Maria Fleming is the Scholarship Chairman and is asking for any help in making this a success. Maria sent out application forms the end of January to the Calvert County high school art teachers, Calverton, and Home Schooled. The guild members will jury the entries and make a decision of the winner at the April meeting. For info., please contact Maria Fleming at 301-737-2365; flemingmp@verizon.net.

I don't like to say that I have given my life to art. I prefer to say art has given me my life.

~ Frank Stella

Sad Announcement

It is sad to have to announce the death of Frances Phillips (Fran), long time member and dedicated supporter of the Guild. She passed away on November 21, 2006. Because of her interest in the Calvert Artists' Guild, we received a donation of \$25 in her memory from the Huntingtown United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir (of which Fran was a member). Fran was very active in the Guild in the 1980s and served 2 terms as President, 1984 - 1986. The 2007 CAG Directory/Roster will be dedicated in her memory and will include a photo taken at an art class reunion. Some of the "old-timer members" will remember Fran. She loved to paint ducks, geese, and wildlife.

Workshops and Classes

At the Calvert Pines Senior Center – Ongoing Open Studio Art, 10:00am – 3:00pm,
Instructors: Sally Den Hartog & Barbara Bowman,
Dates: Wednesday Jan. 11 – Mar. 15,
Fee/Sponsor: \$44.00 plus supplies – you can join anytime at a prorated fee. Contact Information: 410-535-4606 & 301-855-1170,
450 Dares Beach Rd., Prince Frederick, MD
Classes at Southern Pines Senior Center
Watercolor Open Studio – Monday, 10am – 2pm
No instructor – paint on your own, Dates: ongoing, no fee.
Potpourri of Painting – Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.
We'll Try Anything Once Art Group – Thursday, 1:30 – 3pm; different techniques tried each week
Norma LeVally, no fee, Dates: ongoing
Advanced Oil – Friday, 10am – 2pm
Instructor: Elizabeth Bygler, Dates: Jan. 13 – Feb. 24 – on-going. Fee: \$90.00
Southern Pines Senior Center, 20 Appeal Lane, Lusby, MD, 410-586-2748
Watercolor Classes, Beginners & Intermediate, Mondays 1-4p.m., Wednesdays 6-9p.m., and Thursdays 1-4p.m., beginning March 26th. Contact Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663; gbwood2@verizon.net

Advance Notice- Upcoming Event

Library Art Show – Lexington Park, St.

Mary's County

May 14-June 30, 2007

More news to come in the April newsletter and via email announcements.

Maria Fleming

Join the Calvert Artists' Guild

Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc. Membership

Dues are due! The dues year is a calendar year Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st.

The Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc., founded in 1978, promotes the appreciation and practice of fine arts in Calvert County. This is done through sponsoring art shows and sales, organizing field trips to events and exhibitions, arranging workshops in various mediums led by recognized artists and encouraging young artists to pursue their interests in fine arts. Anyone with an interest in the arts is encouraged to join. Membership privileges include special rates for workshops, members-only shows, the Guild newsletter, "ColorSpots" and recognition and link on our website.

Join Us Today! If you haven't renewed your membership, please send your check and membership form promptly.

First Sunday Arts Festivals

Popular with locals and visitors alike, Inner West Street offers activities to entertain guests of all ages. 1st Sunday of the Arts is a year-round celebration of local visual and performing artists. We have again been invited to participate as local artists/artisans. Dates for the events are currently scheduled for: May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2 & Oct. 7 - Noon to 5pm More info is available at www.goweststreet.com; Please contact Pamela Godfrey Stevens @ firstsundayarts@gmail.com for information on participating.

Art Tidbits – Ask Anita

Dear Anita,

For years I have painted traditional subjects. I would like to come up with something different but have no ideas of what or how. Can you suggest?

~ Perplexed

Dear Perplexed,

This has always been a problem. Unique ideas can come from everywhere and anywhere. Think about the birds in your backyard. A series of bird shapes in flight or hunkered down on the hanging feeder, or a line of doves on a fence waiting for a chance to grab that sunflower seed can become a painting frenzy that can keep you busy for weeks.

Many times you can find a wealth of painting ideas right in your own kitchen. Look at the design on your paper napkins: exaggerate, extrapolate, aggravate and voila! a painting like no other. Even color can help make a change. There can be something eerie about a totally monochromatic painting, but it can also be thrilling. Try it and see.

Send New Ask Anita Questions in to:
erinmcsorley@hotmail.com

Sharon Fells

Saturday, February 24, 2007

Watercolor Workshop

Join artists in the art room at Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick for a watercolor workshop with Sharon Pitts. The workshop will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 9:00am – 2:00pm. (A break will be included for lunch at the Center--Lunch is \$2.50). Fee: Calvert Artists' Guild members \$35.00, \$45.00 non-guild members. Contact for info and reservations: Mary Blumberg, 410-394-0626; marybwatercolor@comcast.net. Contact for directions, Sandy Marquess, 410-535-4606, 301-855-1170. Mark your calendars now! (See registration form below!)

Sharon is from New Jersey. You may view her work on her website: www.sharonpitts.com. She states: Painting is my language. With watercolors, and brush and paper, I translate the world around me. I cut open a big navel orange, and before me appear sunburst segments becoming alive within the water and color of the paint. The bark of a tree beckons, teasing me with endless conversations of overlapping segments, vertical channels, and molten textures in winter-muted grays. Mary Blumberg is doing a fantastic job of getting workshop instructors. Don't miss these opportunities!

Registration form for Watercolor Workshop, Saturday, February 24th, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with Sharon Pitts

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

\$35.00 enclosed _____ (CAG Member)
 \$45.00 enclosed _____ (Non-Member)

**Make check payable to: Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc.
 and mail with this form to:
 CAG
 P.O. Box 602
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If you would like your classes or workshops listed here, please send the information to:
**Erin Groom at erinmcsorley@hotmail.com;
 301-922-9817 or
 Gerry Wood at gbwood2@verizon.net; 301-863-9663**

Welcome New Members

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Roster Corrections/Revisions:

Page 25: The new e-mail address for **Tricia Darrow** is: mdbeadboutique@comcast.net Please change this in your address book.

Page 31: Please delete the address & phone number for **Jack Stull**; he is now located at Calvert Co. Nursing Ctr, Rm E109, Pr. Frederick, 301-535-2300 / 301-855-1325.

February's Featured Artist

Dianne Mayne Forche – Hidden Hill Hollow

Dianne Mayne Forche was born in March, 1950, in Boston, Massachusetts. As a dependent in the Air Force, she traveled extensively up until junior high school throughout the United States encountering many different cultures and art forms. Her most memorable was a one room school house in Ramore, Ontario she attended in second grade. Dianne strives for realism in her work and uses only the finest materials available for her creations, from polymer clay to earthenware clays. She is always searching for new techniques and incorporating new products to improve her style and skills. Her work is currently on display at the following locations: Artworks@7th Gallery in North Beach and at Friday's Creek Art Gallery & Winery in Owings. Be sure to check out the artist's websites, www.hiddenhillhollow.com and www.thebearhollow.com. Dianne also offers workshops – her schedule can be found on her websites. For more information, Dianne can be reached by phone at 410-535-4310 or by email at info@hiddenhillhollow.com

Dianne Mayne Forche's, Sacred Contract



April 21, 2007-SATURDAY

**CALVERT PINES SR. CENTER, Pr. Frederick
Meeting and Informative Program - 10:00 a.m.**

Speaker: Glenn Linton, Eastern Shore Artist

Join members in the reserved art room at Calvert Pines Senior Center in Pr. Frederick for a meeting and Program on Saturday, April 21st, at 10:00a.m. Glenn Linton, author & artist from the Eastern Shore will present his program on "Unusual Things in Art". **Calvert Pines Sr. Center**, located at 450 West Dares Beach Road, Pr. Frederick, has plenty of parking and easy access. For additional information contact Gerry Wood 301-863-9663; email gbwood2@verizon.net or for directions contact, Sandy Marquess, 410-535-4606, 301-855-1170. We will also select the Scholarship winner and discuss the May Awards show and Reception. Bring goodies to go with coffee. Coffee will be furnished. Come support the Guild and these interesting programs!

*News from Kathy Sears, ACCC
New Executive Director*

The Arts Council is pleased to announce the selection of Kathy Sears as its new Executive Director. Kathy is no stranger to the arts, the Arts Council, or Calvert County. As both a performer and teacher of music she has shared her love of the arts for more than 20 years in a variety of venues, including performing twice for the Arts Council's Sundays of Note concert series. Additionally she has had the privilege of working at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Arts Council of Fairfax County (VA) in the areas of program management, fundraising, and membership, and is looking forward to building on the wonderful programs and activities of the Arts Council. "Having grown up surrounded by the arts in Door Co. Wisconsin (known for its many studios, galleries, art festivals, and live theater), I knew at a young age that my work would always be focused on the arts. Even when employment didn't formally call for an arts background, I managed to inject the arts in some way -- allowing the arts to enhance the work environment."

"I look forward to getting to know each of you and working with the many talented visual and performing artists of Calvert County. Please stop by and introduce yourself."

Kathy Sears

**Photo from the Jan. 27th CAG Meeting and Program
featuring Jonathan Gentry of Potomac Media**



New Website of Interest:

FineArtAmerica.com

Fine Art America is a free interactive website created for the fine art industry. For artists and art galleries, the website provides artists with a unique opportunity to promote their artwork and events and gain exposure to a national audience.

As a member of the website, artists are able to build a comprehensive profile page, upload artworks complete with images, titles, sizes and prices, advertise upcoming events and much more. FineArtAmerica.com can help provide you with a great way to build national awareness of your business. If interested, contact the staff at support@fineartamerica.com

- Information provided by Roland Reed

Other Art Related Websites...

There are so many websites out there! Here are a few that might be of interest to you...

www.wilhelm-research.com - conducts research on the stability and preservation of traditional and digital color photographs and motion pictures. The company publishes brand name-specific permanence data for desktop and large-format inkjet printers and other digital printing devices. You can check your own printing capabilities on this site. (As mentioned in Jonathan Gentry's presentation on Giclee printing on 1/27)

<http://www.marylandartsource.org/> -
Connection to Maryland's vast art resources

<http://www.mdartplace.org/> -
Maryland Art Place website committed to fostering contemporary art in Maryland

<http://www.marylandata.org/> -
Maryland Art Therapy Association – Information on Healing Through the Creative Process

<http://www.artbusinessnews.com/ME2/Default.asp> -
Communicating Solutions for the Art Business and Marketplace

<http://washingtonart.com/> - broad and in-depth coverage of Washington area's artists

Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc.

CALENDAR of EVENTS 2007

(Note: There is an EVENT EACH MONTH - Mark your calendars!)

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Email: marybwatercolor@comcast.net.

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Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663.

May 5-6, 2007, Saturday and Sunday - Annmarie Garden Awards Show, Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc., Artists' Reception Saturday, 2pm to 4pm. Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663.

June 9, 2007, Saturday - Paint-Out Day, Flag Ponds Park, St. Leonard, 10:00-4:00, carpool, \$4.00/car

June 23, 2007, Saturday - Art Workshop, Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, MD 9:00am-2:00pm, Instructor: Mary Alice Braukman; Contact person: Mary Blumberg, 410-394-0626, or email: marybwatercolor@comcast.net.

July 14, 2007, Saturday - Paint-Out Day, Greenwell State Park, Hollywood, (St. Mary's), 10:00-2:00

July 21, 2007, Saturday - Solomons Outdoor/Gazebo Show. Noon-6:00 p.m., Solomons Boardwalk, Contact: Rex Miller, 410-326-2604; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663

August 11, 2007 - Saturday - Paint-Out Day, Warriors Rest Sanctuary, Scientists Cliffs, St. Leonard, 10:00-4:00

August 19, 2007, Sunday - Annual Pot-luck meeting, Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse, 2pm to 6pm. Bring a potluck dish:

September 8, 2007 - Saturday - Workshop (TBD). Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, MD; Contact person: Mary Blumberg, 410-394-0626, or email: marybwatercolor@comcast.net.

September 15-16, 2007, Saturday and Sunday - Annmarie Garden. ARTSFEST

October 6-7, 2007, Saturday & Sunday - Annual P.R.A.D. (Patuxent River Appreciation Days) Show, Solomons, MD, 10:00-5:00 daily

November, 2007 - Sunday, Annual Meeting & Program, 2:00 p.m., TBD

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